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**ATLANTIC COUNTY OFFICE**

February 11, 2014

The Honorable Joel Schneider, U.S.M.J.  
United States District Court  
District of New Jersey/Camden Vicinage  
One John F. Gerry Plaza  
Camden, New Jersey 08101

Re: Jason D. Dare v. Township of Hamilton, Police Chief Stacy  
Tappeiner, Sergeant Christopher Gehring, Captain Michael  
Petuskey, Patrol Officer James A. Esposito, and John/Jane Does  
(1-10).  
Civil Action Number: 13-cv-01636 (JBS/JS)  
**Qual-Lynx Claim: X57989**  
Our File Number: 47620-133

Dear Judge Schneider:

Following the telephone conference late yesterday afternoon, I did manage to speak with the Solicitor for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The Solicitor reported that he is not in a position to decide whether the defendants are authorized to dismiss with prejudice any claim for attorney fees and costs. I was informed the decision falls within the authority of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and there is a meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday or Friday. Accordingly, I expect to have an answer by Monday

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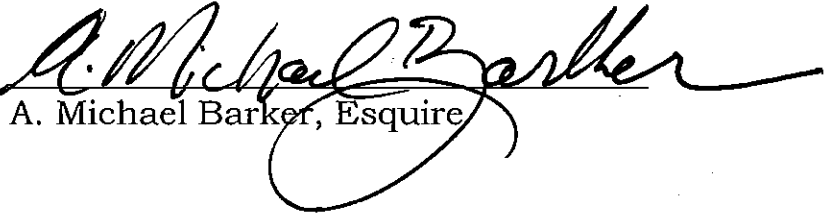
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of next week. I will continue to keep you and opposing counsel closely advised. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Yours,

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By:

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